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PREFACE

The supporting quotations set out in this study are all taken from authoritative Communist publications in order to demonstrate the position which the Communist Party, USA, has taken on the principal current issues of national and international significance.

These publications include the newspapers, The Worker and the Daily Worker, and periodicals such as Masses & Mainstream, Political Affairs, and Party Voice, the latter being an organ of the New York State Communist Party.

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## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

### A. Summary

Beginning in March of 1954, the Communist Party line was devoted to expanding upon the issues set out in the Draft Program and the finalized Program of the Communist Party. William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, brought the year to a close with his contention that the United States was entering upon the first stages of fascism.

The Program of the Communist Party continues to be mentioned in the Communist press; however, the line for the first part of 1955 has centered on the key words "coalition or isolation." According to their statements, this means that there is a need for the unity of labor and the unification of labor with all its potential allies to defeat this incipient fascism in the United States.

This line thus far has developed two main aspects. First of all, labor's independence from the Democratic Party is to be sharpened by encouraging labor to assume a political role by itself.

The steps taken by the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) to effect a merger and unify by the end of 1955 were regarded by the Communist press as a significant development in that there is a prospect of restoring what the Communist press terms political consciousness to the labor movement. The long-range objective of the Communists is to exert an influence on the 1956 elections. "Progressives" are called upon to leave any position of isolation and to join the labor movement. This also means calling for a merger of Communist-dominated unions with the major non-Communist labor organizations as expeditiously as possible.

The second aspect of the current line is the emphasis on the prospects of a third-party movement which would be directed by "progressives" and not by "bourgeois" elements as in the past. According to the Program of the Communist Party, a third party would represent both labor and poor farmers. In order to support the need for a third party, this country is depicted as being in the midst of a crisis. The present recovery is limited and it presages an economic decline in both business and agriculture. In the field of foreign relations it is American imperialism that is inciting war.

This is reflected, for example, in the tensions between the United States and the Chinese People's Republic.

Considered in perspective, however, the second aspect is so closely associated with the first that it appears to be only a logical objective of the first and not a goal which the Communists feel they can readily realize.

The Matusow affidavit and statements, in which this person claimed he gave false testimony, was seized upon by the Communist press as a means of continuing their attack on "McCarthyism" and the Justice Department. They charged that all Government witnesses testifying in regard to Communism gave perjurious and false testimony, and their testimony reflected a pattern of framed evidence from professional informers. According to the line, everyone convicted under the Smith Act should be freed and there should be a public investigation of the informant system similar to the type of investigation conducted by Senator LaFollette during the thirties into the "labor spy racket."

The main concern of the Communist press is to announce that Communists and Communist sympathizers must abandon a position which would isolate them in a "left center" or "anti-imperialist center." Communists

must support the protest factions in this country. However, by continuing to emphasize the Party's Program, they will be able to maintain their identity as Communists. They continue to reiterate that the ability of Communists to play a "vanguard" role in changing this country into a "people's democracy" henceforth will depend upon their ability to draw support to the Program from non-Communist elements.

#### B. Conclusions

The following conclusions are taken from statements made in the Communist press and sum up the Communist Party line for January through April, 1955:

1. The division of the world continues to sharpen into two main camps: the camp of imperialism and reaction headed by the United States and the camp of anti-imperialism and democracy headed by the Soviet Union.
2. The primary role of the left at present is to help develop an independent political coalition of the broadest and most inclusive character.
3. This independent political coalition is in answer to (a) the danger of war and fascism, (b) to Republican reaction and (c) to the bipartisan "betrayal of all too many Democratic leaders."

4. The merger agreement between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations can lead to a higher level of political action for labor; not yet an independent party of labor and its allies, but at least more labor independence and influence.
5. There should be a LaFollette type of investigation into "the whole racket of the lying, professional informer." All Government testimony regarding Communism is perjurious and all trials of Communists are frame-ups.

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I. FOREIGN POLICY

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5. Latin America.
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7. Iraq.
8. Israel.

SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

1. The Answer to the Wall Street Warmongers Is Peaceful Coexistence

"... We Communists should labor with redoubled vigor to bring all of our peace-loving compatriots the most urgent message of our day: sincere and realistic striving for peace must express itself in devotion to the achievement of lasting peaceful co-existence and friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union."

Editorial, "Lenin and Peaceful Co-Existence,"  
Political Affairs, January, 1955, p. 3

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"The Wall Street war mongers know very well from past experiences with the peace loving masses that they cannot simply walk the capitalist world deliberately into war as a result of formal decision. So their idea is to get the desired world war started by plunging the countries into it suddenly on the basis of some provocation or other, which they aim to organize."

Daily Worker,  
January 6, 1955, p. 5

"HARDLY had the news had been announced of the resignation of Malenkov as premier of the Soviet Union and the election of Bulganin in his stead, than the ever-vigilant warmongers in this country were springing into action, striving to turn this incident to their unholy purpose of unleashing the third world war."

"BUT ONE THING is absolutely certain, the basic foreign course of the USSR will remain as before, firmly and unalterably committed to the preservation and cultivation of world peace. Peaceful co-existence of the socialist and capitalist states is the fundamental policy of the Soviet government."

"THE USSR is a country where workers rule, where human exploitation has been abolished, where the industries are owned by the people, and where production is carried on for use, not profit. In such a country there is no basis whatever for imperialism or for aggressive war-making."

"The American people are not now, never have been, and never will be in the slightest danger of attack from the Soviet Union, regardless of whether its government be headed by a Lenin, a Stalin, a Malenkov, or a Bulganin."

"The USSR, People's China, and the European People's Democracies are not the enemies of the American people, but their best friends.

"The war danger now threatening the American people comes from an altogether different direction--from the agents of big capital, the Eisenhowers, Dulleses, Knowlands, et al., who are running the United States government. They speak and act, not in behalf of the democratic masses of America but in the interest of monopoly capital, which with its inevitable arrogance and insatiable greed at home and abroad, is the elementary source of all imperialist war. . . ."

Daily Worker,  
February 10, 1955, p. 5

## 2. The Paris Pacts Must Be Defeated in the Senate

"One thing can get us out of the foreign policy morass: Rejection of an alliance with Nazi militarism and acceptance of negotiations as the civilized world's alternative to nazis armed with H-bombs."

The Worker,  
January 2, 1955, p. 4

"The fact is, Administration policy on Germany is a Mc Carthyite policy and nothing less. It is a policy of reviving and rearming the mass slayers of Buchenwald and Dachau, those who bombed London from the skies and razed Warsaw to the ground.

"The majority of Americans hate McCarthy's war on the Bill of Rights. They should see that the Paris Pacts are a war on world peace and call on their Senators to defeat them in the new session."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 4, 1955, p. 5



"THE AFL executive council, keeping in close step with the State Department's war-provocation policy, has addressed an appeal to the trade unions of Europe, especially those of West Germany, for support of German remilitarization."

"We are sure that the AFL's leaders will meet with a deserved rebuff abroad. But it is most important to repudiate them at home."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 9, 1955, p. 5

3. The Senate Should Not Act on the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization Yet

"The Asians say this SEATO agreement provides a pseudolegal justification for the colony-exploiting powers to intervene in the internal affairs of the Asian peoples on the pretext of fighting 'subversion.' They say, moreover, that Secretary Dulles is working night and main to present to the February conference of SEATO in Bangkok a plan for instant joint action by a SEATO 'task force' whenever Dulles decides some country is about to be 'subverted.' The Asians say this could trick the American people into war.

"The Soviet Union and People's China said pretty much the same thing. China said SEATO was really aimed primarily at completing the aggressive encirclement of China.

"Now whatever many Americans may think of statements from Moscow and Peking as so-called 'Communist propaganda,' it's hardly discreet to pooh-pooh and dismiss the viewpoint of more than one-half the population of the globe.

"The safer and saner course, it seems to me, would be for more Americans to tell the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to hold up SEATO till the country is allowed to hear opposing arguments and learn the truth about it. Why slam the door to peace in Asia?"

Daily Worker,  
January 18, 1955, p. 8.

#### 4. China

"The best way to promote peace, and therefore America's interests, is to remove all barriers to China regaining her rightful territory and her rightful seat in the UN."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 21, 1955, p. 5

"We should demand public hearings on the Eisenhower-Chiang mutual assistance treaty, and declare our disgust and contempt for the policy of pampering this betrayer of the Asian peoples.

"We should condemn the Knowland-Radford preventive war gang and demand the removal of the bloodthirsty jingo Radford.

"The Senate vote ends nothing. It is all the more urgent now to deluge Congress and the White House with wires and letters expressing the peace demands of the real America--the people."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 31, 1955, p. 5

#### 5. Latin America

"HONDURAS, about as large as the state of Pennsylvania, and with a population of 1, 152, 000 (about a sixth less than the city of Detroit), is one of the most backward agrarian countries of Latin America. Primarily

responsible for this backwardness is U. S. monopoly capital which dominates completely its agriculture, foreign trade, shipping and finances.

"This domination was established by force by a powerful imperialist country against a small, weak, defenseless nation. . . ."

"Armed overthrow of democratic government as in Guatemala, thwarting the popular electoral will as in Honduras, brutal dictatorship in Nicaragua, Salvador, Costa Rica and Panama cannot stop the onward march of the peoples of Central America toward independence from semi-feudal and imperialist domination."

Daily Worker,  
January 6, 1955, p. 6

"WHAT IS BEHIND the armed invasion of Costa Rica? Is this merely an internal rebellion, a feud between two opposing political factions? Or is it aggression organized by President Anastasio Somoza, the reactionary dictator of Costa Rica's northern neighbor, Nicaragua?"

"Somoza waited not one month but five before he struck. Yet can anyone doubt that he took his cue from the Castillo Armas invasion, organized by the United Fruit Co. and the State Department, which overthrew by force and violence the democratic government of Guatemala?"

"And the fact that Somoza himself had more than a finger in the conspiracy against Guatemala gave him all the more reason not to be color-blind when the light from Washington flashed green."

"There is every reason to believe that part of the arms Washington shipped to Nicaragua in its campaign to overthrow the Guatemalan government is now being used to assault Costa Rica."

Daily Worker,  
January 20, 1955, p. 4

"THERE IS SOME talk about the Organization of American States setting an example for the UN in the case of Costa Rica."

"First, peace has not been kept in Costa Rica or anywhere else in Central America. On the contrary, we have our government sending Costa Rica five planes and allowing Sweden to send Nicaragua 25 planes on a German ship.

"Seems to us it was not so long ago that the U. S. Navy was stopping ships bound for Guatemala and seizing 'war materials' purchased with hard cash by the democratic Arbenz government. The OAS didn't lift a hand when this happened. And it was only the U. S. voting majority in the UN Security Council which prevented that body from functioning.

"Second, the State Department's feeble gesture of selling five planes to Costa Rica reflected no zeal in behalf of peace on the part of the Eisenhower Administration. It was done, in fact, only after the Latin American states and the American public demanded it.

"Third, it just so happens that all the regional organizations set up for so-called 'defense' are structures of the U. S. Government, getting their names, money and orders from Washington. The State Department dominates the UN, too, but not as completely as in the case of the regional organizations.

"Fourth, instead of exemplifying the effectiveness of regional organizations, the case of Costa Rica and the rest of Central America, which are sometimes called Wall Street's 'banana republics,' exemplifies the chaos, insecurity and violence which reign wherever the benevolent rule of U. S. capital is supreme.

"Clearly, the case of Costa Rica should go to the United Nations. The OAS daily proves its unreliability as an organization for hemispheric peace and security."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 18, 1955, p. 5

"Venezuela is an arsenal of strategic raw materials, says the underground magazine 'Noticias de Venezuela' and it is the country in which one can most clearly see in operation Wall Street's imperialist policy toward the Latin American countries."

Daily Worker,  
March 21, 1955, p. 6

"A good place to make labor views on the Venezuela dictatorship known is the State Department, because of the important part played by U. S. interests in the economy and politics of Venezuela. It is conceded here that without the support of these interests, largely oil companies, the dictatorship would lose its grip on the country."

Daily Worker,  
March 21, 1955, p. 6

"It would be hard to see how much farther Nixon could have gone to show Figueres the kind of Latin-American governments the Administration favors. But he did. For he managed to walk in on Figueres with 'assurances' from Somoza that Nicaragua would hereafter respect the common boundary between the two countries."

"To save his power Figueres has shown himself more disposed to make concessions to U.S. policy and less disposed to mobilize the Costa Rican people behind a truly national policy. If this calculation succeeds, then dictatorship is around the corner."

The Worker,  
March 6, 1955, p. 5

6. The State Department Is an Accomplice of the Racists Who Run South Africa

"THIS IS 'moving day' in the city of Johannesburg, South Africa. Those who are 'moving' are the first contingent of the city's 400,000 Negroes. They are being forcibly moved outside the city limits by the racists who run South Africa.

"This outrageous spectacle is said by our State Department to be South Africa's internal affair. Therefore Washington pursues what is called a hands-off policy. Hands-off in such a case would be bad enough. What the State Department does, however, is to act as a behind-the-scenes accomplice of the South African government."

"Washington should be called on to alter its position in the UN on the despicable policies of the government of South Africa. Meanwhile, the African National Congress, which is leading the fight against the mass kidnapping-eviction, and whose address is P. O. Box 9207, Johannesburg, South Africa, would be heartened by messages of support from people's organizations in this country."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 16, 1955, p. 5

## 7. Iraq

"The Iraqi people are fighting courageously with all their might against these conditions. In spite of all the brutal and vicious actions of the fascist secret police, in spite of the provocations of the authorities and their agents, in spite of the 'Big Lie' of Soviet aggression, the Iraqi people are moving forward with unbreakable determination to liberate their country, guided by the Iraqi proletariat and its vanguard, the Communist Party and putting as their great slogan, 'A Free Country and a Happy People.'"

Daily Worker,  
March 2, 1955, p. 5

## 8. Israel

"Meanwhile of course no one, and surely not the Israelis, will benefit from the kind of fighting that went on in Gaza. Settlement of this crisis requires Israeli-Arab negotiations. It requires an end to the State Department's arming of feudal rulers in the Arab lands against the interests of middle East and world peace. And peace requires not just an armistice between Israel and its neighbors but peace treaties and peaceful co-existence."

Daily Worker,  
March 8, 1955, p. 5

## II. DOMESTIC ISSUES

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### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

#### 1. World Capitalism Is Moving toward an Industrial Crisis

"THE CIO rightly warns that President Eisenhower's effort to picture the country's economic situation as 'good' is false. On the contrary, says the CIO, 'it isn't so good.' The CIO cites the government's own employment figures (which are usually understated) showing that mass unemployment of 3,000,000 or more has become chronic, despite the annual increase in the manpower force, is below pre-Korea levels."



"The economy is truly resting on a time-bomb. It will take more than optimistic predictions to prevent the bomb from exploding."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 25, 1955, p. 5

"...But unless economic programs such as are advocated by organized labor and the Communist Party are adopted to ease the economic situation, world capitalism will move faster toward a devastating industrial crisis. A sign of developing crisis is the recent dip in American industrial production and the critical agricultural situation...."

Daily Worker,  
January 10, 1955, p. 4

"IN TERMS OF SOCIAL WELFARE and economics affecting the people, the new Eisenhower budget is clearly a further indication of chiseling into and liquidating past progress."

"By tagging behind the bi-partisan war line, labor disarms itself in the fight for its program of social and economic projects to fill the needs of the people and combat the threat of depression. There is little chance to win billions for constructive purposes when at least two-thirds of the budget is conceded for war."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 19, 1955, p. 5

## 2. "McCarthyism" Is Far from Dead

"It would be wrong to conclude that McCarthy will necessarily be eclipsed or reduced to small stuff after the new Democratic Congress takes over. As is well known, he still has powerful support and will continue his menacing fascist role. Even more important is the fact that McCarthyism is far from dead despite some blows dealt against it in recent weeks."

Editorial, The Worker,  
January 2, 1955, p. 4

"The basic issue is clearly McCarthyism, notwithstanding Joe McCarthy's personal decline. The people will not take to McCarthyism any more kindly if its name is changed to 'McClellanism' and its label 'Democrat.' The victimization of unionists by scrapping of the Bill of Rights will not be more palatable to labor if it is done under the other party's rule. The labor movement should show enough independence to make this emphatically known to those who now take over the legislative helm."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 5, 1955, p. 5

3. The Rosenberg Case Continues in the Form of Seeking Justice for Morton Sobell

"OVER A YEAR AND A HALF ago, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were laid to rest--but the conscience of America was not buried with them. Americans with all sorts of political opinions have continued to speak up against this execution which horrified the world and served to dishonor our country's name."

"It has taken the form of seeking justice for Morton Sobell, who was sentenced to entombment for 30 years at Alcatraz as part of the same frame-up which killed the Rosenbergs, was convicted with the same sort of trumped-up testimony that is now being blown to bits with the confessions of former FBI informer Harvey Matusow that he had borne false witness against guiltless victims."

Daily Worker,  
February 14, 1955, p. 5

4. The Ladejinsky Incident Reflects Anti-Semitism in the Administration

"CAUGHT IN AN outrageous act of anti-Semitism, the Department of Agriculture wriggles and squirms--but the anti-Semitism is still there and the anti-Semites are still there."

"Secretary Ezra T. Benson 'disavows' the anti-Semitic letter written by George N. Vitt against the dismissed Wolf Ladejinsky, and released approvingly by Benson's assistant Milan D. Smith."

"Is it surprising to find anti-Semitism in an Administration which is defying the entire world in order to rearm the anti-Semitic militarists of Western Germany.

"Instead of booting Milan Smith out of the Department, Benson is busy trying to cover up for him.

"Eisenhower should be called on to see that Smith is fired and Congress should air Benson's part in this disgraceful matter."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 5, 1955, p. 5.

5. President Eisenhower's Health Plan Is Inadequate

"PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S health plan is essentially the same proposal he made in his message to Congress last year. It runs true to the administration's pro-business outlook in general."

"In contrast to this dubious benefit for a few, the labor movement has been pressing for a health program operated by the government that would offer real insurance to the great mass of people. But the administration is opposed to that plan because it would be 'socialized medicine.' The American Medical Association has even opposed the Administration's next-to-nothing proposal because of its reluctance to let the government have any relation to the problem of health.

"By renewing his health plan, the President is obviously cognizant of the great popular pressure for a real health program. This calls for still greater pressure on the part of yabor for its program and no yielding to af ake substitute."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 2, 1955, p. 5

6. The Left Must Help Develop an Independent Political Coalition

"Progressives will best build a third party movement by associating themselves with all trends toward greater independence--rather than by moving off prematurely on their own."

"But the primary role of the left at present is to help develop an independent political coalition of the broadest and most inclusive character as the answer to the real danger of war and fascism, as the answer to Republican reaction and to the bipartisan betrayal of all too many Democratic leaders.

"It is because I think the immediate challenge of our times to progressives is to plunge into the mainstream of the American labor movement and American political life.... Only if we are part of this mainstream and help influence its direction will there emerge the mass third party which American progressives have so long dreamed of and worked for."

Daily Worker,  
February 14, 1955, p. 5

"As the national Presidential struggle unfolds, we must clearly realize that, tactically speaking, there are two phases to our political work--that within the bourgeois parties, and that in the shape of independent candidacies...."

William Z. Foster, "The Perspectives for  
a Labor-Farmer Party in the U. S.,"  
Political Affairs, February, 1955, p. 18

## 7. Taxation

"TAXES SHOULD be imposed on the basis of ability to pay. That is, the heaviest taxes should be borne by the rich.

"That's an old democratic principle--and one for which labor has always fought. However, it is a principle which Big Business and its political agents violate in every way."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 21, 1955, p. 5

## 8. The Matusow Case

"Under normal conditions, a confession like Matusow's would explode with a bang heard in every state. It would be the scandal of the year. That affidavit goes to the heart of McCarthyism. It exposes the whole pattern of framed evidence and professional informers upon which the theses of 'Communist conspiracy' and the alleged objective of 'overthrow by force and violence' rests.

"Prosecutors can't find nothing in programs, speeches or activities to build up a 'force and violence' case, but they can get all the informers paid-for to deliver framed testimony to fit the law."

Daily Worker,  
February 2, 1955, p. 5

"An informer planted by the FBI in a union, ostensibly to discover Communists, has the power to 'make' a Communist out of anyone he or his masters may choose to victimize or black-mail. Matusow showed how he made a 'Communist' out of Lattimore, and turned his books into 'Communist' texts. But even more, the informer in the profession of selling 'information' will serve anyone who pays him for the services--phony or real information or testimony made to order."

Daily Worker,  
February 7, 1955, p. 5

"AS THE GOVERNMENT and witch-hunting con-men jump in with frantic efforts to suppress the confessions of the repentant informer, Harvey Matusow, new disclosures leak out. And they indicate that only a small fraction of the whole story has been told of the thought-control drive of these past several years, with its 'security' programs, screening out of militant trade unionists, McCarthyite investigations, Smith Act arrests and other political frame-ups.

"They indicate that the time is long overdue for a real public investigation of the type conducted by the late Sen. LaFollette during the thirties, which exposed the whole ugly labor spy racket of those days."

"AS WAS INEVITABLE, the drive against 'Communism' has become translated in industry into a drive against militant union men and women...."

"But increasingly large numbers of Americans--and especially trade unionists--have begun to learn that a political witchhunt aimed at one group of Americans inevitably threatens the rights of all Americans. The Big Lie about the 'menace' of Communism is what has given rise to the McCarthys, the lying informers, the resurgence of the labor spy racket, the blacklisting of workers. It is time for Americans, and for labor in the first instance, to speak out for an end to this nightmare of witchhunting.

"A good first step would be a new LaFollette type of investigation into the whole racket of the lying, professional informers...."

"At the same time every case in which these professional informers have been used--the 13 Communist leaders, Clinton Jencks, and others--should be reopened. This is the least that needs to be done if our Bill of Rights is to be rescued from the Brownells and the McCarthys."

Editorial, The Worker,  
February 27, 1955, p. 4

"The question before the American public raised by the sensational disclosure of Matusow is: Why were those convictions so desperately sought that the Justice Department would act with criminal irresponsibility to secure them?"

"A new trial is the least that should be granted in those cases where the Matusows, Johnsons, Bentleys and Budenzes have performed.

"His revelations confirm the need to free completely all those framed under the Smith Act.

"The honor of the American people is at stake."

Daily Worker,  
March 1, 1955, p. 5

9. President Eisenhower's "Dynamic Conservatism" Is a Giveaway to the Bankers

"Eisenhower's \$101, 000, 000, 000 road-building plan is the latest case in point. Behind all the ballyhoo and charts lies another 'dynamic conservative' bonanza for the bankers."

"The same giveaway lies behind the Eisenhower school plan, which would produce more interest for bankers than actual schools.

"Billions for the bankers, thumbs down on a meager tax cut for the people, and opposition to a real school aid and housing program--this is 'dynamic conservatism.' Labor's own program is exactly the opposite and needs to be vigorously pressed."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 24, 1955, p. 5

### III. LABOR AND INDUSTRY

1. The Proposed Minimum Wage Is Inadequate.
2. Labor Should Tip the Scales against German Remilitarization and Oppose Senator Knowland.
3. The National Labor Relations Board Is Exceeding Its Authority.
4. A Joint-Council of Labor Is Needed to Combat Depression on a National Basis.
5. Labor Should Resist President Eisenhower's Banker's Budget.
6. A Third Party Movement Must Be Led by Labor.
7. Labor Unity Will Spur Progressive-Led Independent Unions to Merge with the Unions of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) and the American Federation of Labor (AFL).
8. Unity Means the Possibility of Getting More Economic and Social Gains.

#### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

##### 1. The Proposed Minimum Wage Is Inadequate

"THE REPORTED plan of the President for a message to Congress proposing a raise in the wage minimum from 75 cents to 90 cents an hour is woefully inadequate. It compares with labor's demand for a \$1.25 minimum. And since that demand was projected, the cost of living rose substantially."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 4, 1955, p. 5



2. Labor Should Tip the Scales Against German Remilitarization and Oppose Senator Knowland

"Washington says no to every Soviet proposal, not because a settlement can't be reached now but because a settlement CAN be reached and this is just what Washington wants to avoid.

"Labor in our own country has the duty to join with labor throughout Europe and to tip the scales against a new Nazi army when the pacts come before the Senate."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 15, 1955, p. 5

"Labor has consistently opposed the policies of Senator Knowland. Now that the Democratic chairman of the House Committee defends the Knowland war line, it is up to labor to make clear again its opposition to the Knowland crowd, including those wearing the Democratic label."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
March 9, 1955, p. 5

3. The National Labor Relations Board Is Exceeding Its Authority

"THE NATIONAL Labor Relations Board has not only assumed judicial authority in the field of labor relations, but it is openly defying repeated court warnings curbing its right to deprive a union of its collective bargaining rights. This is clearly illustrated in the board's new ruling barring the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, independent, of a right to be on an election ballot because its secretary-treasurer, Maurice Travis, is under indictment for alleged false swearing to a Taft-Hartley affidavit."

"No thinking or honest unionist will support this policy of cooperating with the NLRB to smash another union."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 4, 1955, p. 5

4. A Joint-Council of Labor Is Needed to Combat Depression on a National Basis

"A MUCH NEEDED warning that Eisenhower 'prosperity' is not what it is cracked up to be, is sounded by the AFL's executive council. The council predicts that if the economy follows its current course and pace, we may have an unemployment of as high as 4,000,000 next month. This year, warns the AFL, may show an average unemployment of from 750,000 to 1,000,000 above 1954."

"Their warnings and program would have far greater weight, however, if in line with current unity talks and united legislative action already achieved in many states, the CIO and AFL top bodies would form a joint council to direct a united struggle nationally on the anti-depression front."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 4, 1955, p. 5

5. Labor Should Resist President Eisenhower's Banker's Budget

"PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S proposed budget is a bankers' budget, with all that this implies."

"Typically, the financing of this war-like and war breeding budget is to come out of the pockets and off the tables of the people."

"Labor needs to reply to this bankers' budget with a tax exemption as proposed by the CIO, for substantial increases in social welfare as part of an anti-depression program. It needs to couple this with a demand for a policy of peaceful co-existence, the absence of which provides the alibi for a military and bankers' budget."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 18, 1955, p. 5

6. A Third Party Movement Must Be Led by Labor

"THE HISTORIC REASON for the failure of third party movements is that they did not attract sufficient support from the labor movement whose leadership has for the most part been committed to the two-party system."

"This still remains true. It is still true that a third party movement to be truly useful and successful must be led and supported by labor. To ignore the fact at the present time will not help in the immediate struggle to unite labor and its allies against big business reaction. Nor will it help in the longer-range struggle to win labor for the mass third party movement which will surely develop in our country."

Daily Worker,  
February 10, 1955, p. 6

"Last week we published excerpts from Gerson's speech. The Daily Worker is in full agreement with his position that a third party, to be effective, requires the participation and leadership of the organized labor movement. In view of labor's close relations with the Democratic Party, this means that the major job for progressives today is to stimulate labor to take a more and more independent position in the arena where it now operates. This is the path to a new party led by labor."

Daily Worker,  
February 28, 1955, p. 4

7. Labor Unity Will Spur Progressive-Led Independent Unions to Merge with the Unions of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) and the American Federation of Labor (AFL)

"The obvious consequences of this unity can be the consolidation of five million CIO members with 10 million in the AFL; the end of most of the costly and destructive struggles between unions and the mobilization of the united strength of labor against the common enemy, the employers and the reactionary political administration in Washington, especially in the 1956 elections."

"Second, it is important to see that the much promised unity is in sight just as we witness a reversing trend and success against reaction on several fronts, notably in the recent elections, in the movement against McCarthyism and on extended civil rights spurred by the Supreme Court's school decision. There is evidence that people are shedding some of the paralyzing fear that came with McCarthyism. There is more readiness to listen to new ideas and voice independent thought and criticism, as we saw, to a degree, in the CIO convention in Los Angeles."

"Significantly, the swing from inter-union struggle to unity, has also spurred the efforts of progressive-led independent unions to return to the main stream of the labor movement and they are finding that there are unions in the CIO and AFL willing to merge with them. That, too, is a by-product of the new climate that is developing."

"... The qualitative content of unity will largely depend on what active progressive-thinking people do about it in the trade unions. The negotiations may even end in disagreement unless a real movement from below is steamed up to make a breakoff difficult. Unity could result in little more than a convenient arrangement on top unless there is a grass roots demand for immediate delivery on what the workers expect out of unity."

"...That can open in 1955, a new important page in labor history. It is also a challenge to militant progressives who can be a strong influence upon the developments that can flow from this unity."

The Worker,  
January 2, 1955, pp. 3, 12

8. Unity Means the Possibility of Getting More Economic and Social Gains

"THE PROSPECT of an AFL-CIO merger--possibly in 1955--is certainly welcomed by progressives in the labor movement, but it also poses a problem and a challenge. What kind of a unity is it to be? What is to follow unity?"

"Unity has always been the cardinal principle of progressive trade unionists. It is on the basis of this principle that those on the left have made their most important historic contributions to the labor movement. They pioneered for industrial unionism--the idea of unity of all workers in a plant or industry, irrespective of craft or other differences."

"Always the aim was unity FOR A PURPOSE. Not just unity in the 'abstract.' The left fought the occasional efforts to promote unity of labor for a reactionary objective."

Daily Worker,  
January 19, 1955, p. 5

"THE FUSION of the AFL and CIO, now in the works, can be an event of tremendous importance in the life of the American working class. Every worker should rejoice that the 20-year war between the two federations appears to be ending...."

"But the constructive possibilities of the merger will not be realized if matters are left to the determination of such men as George Meany, head of the new combination, whose ideology differs little from that of a typical monopoly capitalist.... To what extent the merger will be beneficial to the working class will depend upon the degree to which the left and progressive forces in the labor movement strive to shape and model it into more constructive channels. . . ."

"Organized labor now has numerically a tremendous political base, and will be able to serve as the foundation of a great independent party. It is stupidly absurd for the trade unions, with 15,000,000 organized members to go along, dragging after the tail of the Democratic Party bosses and allowing the bourgeois leaders to kick them around and to almost completely deny the workers any political representation in the various local, state and national legislative bodies of the U. S."

"... Organized labor and its normal political allies--the Negro people, the poorer farmers and the lower middle-class--constitutes the great majority of the American people. . . ."

Daily Worker,  
February 16, 1955, pp. 5, 6

"TO THE MAN or woman in the shop, unity means greater strength, hence the possibility to demand and get more in economic and social gains. Feeling this new-found strength the workers are less likely to accept cheap settlements."

The Worker,  
February 20, 1955, p. 14

"On the whole, the UAW\*unity resolution on labor unity can become a powerful weapon for those in both the CIO and AFL who seek to give the labor merger a constructive content and who realize that this effort entails a continuing struggle against the old guard hard-shelled elements in the trade union leadership."

Daily Worker,  
April 1, 1955, p. 5

\*United Auto Workers

#### IV. AGRICULTURE

1. The Biggest Dairy Distributors Profiteer at the Expense of the Producer and Consumer.
2. Secretary of Agriculture Benson Has No Plan for the Dairymen.
3. A General National Perspective Is Needed, Supplemented with a Concrete State Approach.
4. Communists Must Pay More Attention to the Farmer.

#### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

1. The Biggest Dairy Distributors Profiteer at the Expense of the Producer and Consumer

"The biggest distributors in the nation are National Dairy (Kraft), controlled by the Morgan interests, and Borden's, hooked up with Rockefeller money.

"Their 1954 profits were at an all time high, because they profiteered at the expense of the producer and the consumer.

"They also robbed the nation's children because, controlling the nation's dairy industry, they could set an artificial ceiling on milk consumption."

"That's why your corner market has shelf after shelf of fancy manufactured dairy products, in fancy packages, and at fancy prices.

"It's quite a set-up. The best use of milk is to drink it. But that's discouraged. Not enough profit in it for the Morgan and Rockefeller interests."

Daily Worker,  
January 17, 1955, p. 4



"The realization is growing in the city that it is not the guarantee of prices affording a farmer a livelihood that brings the high prices of farm products, but the monopolized processors and distributors who profiteer at the expense of both farmer and the consuming public. The realization is growing in the farms that higher living standards in the city provide the bigger market for farm products.

"In addition to the tremendous power this unity can have for the welfare of the people, it has equally great tactical possibilities for the 1956 election. It can help defeat the traditional tactic of pitting the outstate rural areas against the big city progressively inclined trend.

"The destruction of this fake 'farm vs. city' political pattern and its replacement by labor-farmer unity, like the already partly achieved Negro-white unity, is a key requirement for a further political advance by workers, farmers and the Negro people."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
March 22, 1955, p. 5

## 2. Secretary of Agriculture Benson Has No Plan for the Dairymen

"SEATTLE, Jan. 18 - Organized labor may well hold the key to whether the American dairymen's 'self-help' plan goes on the rocks or works to the benefit of farm and city families alike.

"The essence of the plan is that a dairy board would keep its finger on the pulse of the market for dairy products and set prices accordingly. Then, to hold those prices, the board would have authority to enter the market and pick up surpluses."

"Ironically it was Benson who shortly after his appointment told dairymen in effect: 'You'll have to do something to help yourselves.' They did, and now Benson's stalling. In the full year since the plan was devised, Benson has failed to give an honest appraisal of it. It's no secret that his reaction is decidedly chilly.

"All Benson has done for the dairymen is to cut parity supports to 75 percent. Now, dairymen relate, his line is simply a callous, 'All right, so prices are low--you'll have to push your product, to advertise more.' He has come forward with no plan of any kind, good or bad, and he won't say yes or no on the one the dairymen themselves came up with."

Daily Worker,  
January 19, 1955, p. 4

3. A General National Perspective Is Needed, Supplemented with a Concrete State Approach

"THERE ARE FOUR BASIC questions relating to the developing agrarian crisis in our country.

"First, the present agrarian crisis is developing within the chronic crisis in agriculture which has existed for several decades in the United States, with only a slight interruption during the end of the Second World War and in the immediate post-war period."

"Second, the agrarian economy in the United States is an increasingly monopolistic one. There has been an enormous growth in the factory-in-the-field type of farming coupled with a tremendous increase in mechanization, carrying with it a heavy need for constant capital outlay. A result has been that big farms have been growing bigger while the small and middle farmers have been and are being squeezed to the wall...."

"Third, the U. S. agrarian economy, in the midst of and part of a monopoly capitalist system, is faced with great 'overproduction.'... The shrinking home market is further aggravated by the shrinking world market as the big bourgeoisie, both rural and urban, persists in its refusal to engage in large scale East-West trade.

"Fourth, and this we can barely mention in this place, the developing agrarian crisis takes place in the midst of the ever-deepening general crisis of world capitalism."

"We need a general national perspective on the whole agrarian situation that must be supplemented with a concrete state approach because conditions vary from state to state."

Pettis Perry, "The Farm Situation in the U. S.," Political Affairs, February, 1955, pp. 20, 21, 26

#### 4. Communists Must Pay More Attention to the Farmer

"...Our agitation must saturate the masses with a spirit for independent political action. It must stimulate all the democratic strata to develop a political coalition movement, to build their own election machinery, and, as our Program puts it, 'to come forward as a distinct political force even within the framework of the present two-party system.' We must also begin sharply to pay more attention to the farmers. Many persons may be surprised to learn that a generation ago the Communist Party exerted a powerful influence among mid-west working farmers."

William Z. Foster, "The Perspectives for a Labor-Farmer Party in the U.S.," Political Affairs, February, 1955, p. 12.

## V. COLONIALISM

1. Colonialism Supported by American Imperialism Has Weakened the West European Alliance.
2. Puerto Rico Is a Colony of the United States.
3. The Crisis in Panama Was Accented by United States' Domination.

### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

1. Colonialism Supported by American Imperialism Has Weakened the West European Alliance

"...The entire relationship between the long oppressed peoples of the East and the imperialist West has changed and is in the process of further transformation. The peoples of Asia and Africa, even if they have made only partial gains in the direction of freedom and even if they still remain within the orbit of Empire, can today take steps towards an independent policy because China gives them that alternative."

"Thus, the support of colonialism and decrepit colonial structures by American imperialism is having some unexpected results, not least of which is the weakening of the West European alliance, the very apex of the U. S. policy of aggression.

"Truly, the front line of the battle for peace extends around the world."

Daily Worker,  
January 11, 1955, pp. 5, 8

## 2. Puerto Rico Is a Colony of the United States

"EARL WARREN, chief justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, which is empowered to judge all laws passed by Puerto Rico, despite the pretensions of U. S. officials that that nation is not a colony."

"This is the political atmosphere in which the U. S. Government must try 11 Puerto Ricans on a charge of 'conspiracy to teach and advocate the necessity of overthrowing the government of the United States in Puerto Rico.' It will no doubt be the most unfriendly atmosphere in which any of 15 such trials have taken place. But this is only partially favorable to the defendants. For the U. S. jails are strong in Puerto Rico and the force of the U. S. Government is present and persistent. This we shall see when we consider some aspects of the coming trial."

Daily Worker,  
January 7, 1955, p. 6

"There are also signs, though less visible to the naked eye, that Puerto Ricans are jealous of their sovereignty and resent the interference by the United States government into their internal affairs. These signs have increased since last Oct. 20 when FBI agents (with not a Puerto Rican among them) raided homes in various towns here and arrested nine Puerto Rican citizens. The nine--seven men and two women--were joined with two others arrested in the U. S. as defendants in the 15th Smith Act case."

Daily Worker,  
January 6, 1955, p. 4

"The U. S. FBI agents who were given the task of arresting nine Puerto Ricans on Smith Act charges carried out their task as if they were putting down a guerilla uprising...."

"In all cases they made one concession to Puerto Rican national pride--they spoke good Spanish. But the arrests, themselves, were the crudest application of colonialism."

"As a proper colonial power, the U. S. government 'rents' La Princesa from the Puerto Rican government for quartering federal prisoners there. Everything about the Smith Act arrests here smells of colonialism, shows the disdain of a colonial power for those subject to its rule without the right to name the rulers."

Daily Worker,  
January 10, 1955, p. 6.

3. The Crisis in Panama Was Accented by United States' Domination

"CONSTITUTIONAL rights were suspended in Panama following the assassination of President Joe Antonio Remon. The crisis in the central American republic was accented by U. S. economic and military domination in the area and the failure of the people to achieve real self government and democracy."

The Worker,  
January 9, 1955, p. 4

## VI. LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

1. The Eighty-Fourth Congress Needs to Take Real Anti-Depression Steps and to Limit Debate.
2. Daniels Resolution.
3. Labor Needs to Fight against the Eisenhower Program and Bi-Partisan Harmony.
4. All "Thought-Control" Legislation Should Be Reviewed.
5. Tax Cuts.
6. The Lightfoot Trial Represents a Step toward Fascism.
7. The Real Smith Act Defendants Are Books.
8. The Smith Act Prosecutions Are All a Foul Mess and Are Corrupt.

### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

1. The Eighty-Fourth Congress Needs to Take Real Anti-Depression Steps and to Limit Debate

"A WALL STREET Journal survey (Dec. 21) of steel industry prospects came up with the conclusion that the rise may continue until March because 'current automotive buying is induced by carmakers' desires to stock finished cars in anticipation of a spring strike.' This is the period when the UAW-CIO's five-year contracts run out with the major companies and the union is already committed to push for substantial benefits, including the guaranteed annual wage. A similar situation is taking place in the farm equipment industry where output has been rising in anticipation of major union battles, despite a continued fall in farm income.

"These economic danger signals, plus such things as falling exports and huge public and private debts, are enough to indicate that action needs to be demanded now from the 84th Congress for real anti-depression steps. That goes especially on unemployment which is bound to rise barring certain immediate steps. These, as labor and such groups as NPA\* have pointed out, need to include immediate tax relief for the majority, especially the raising of personal income tax exemptions; restoration of a public housing program of at least 200,000 units a year; increases in unemployment compensation and social security benefits; and great public works, such as roads, hospital and school construction. A great arms program, pushed by some labor leaders and by Democrats, can only interfere with such a program for increasing purchasing power."

The Worker,  
January 2, 1955, p. 2

"...For it is the considered opinion of the Leadership Conference that unless the Senate adopts a practical means to limit debate, there is little hope for an FEPC\*\* legislation during the 84th Congress. And of special importance, legislation to implement the Supreme Court decision on school jimcrow<sub>2</sub> would have little chance of enactment."

"...Between now and Wednesday wires should flood the offices of the Senators."

The Worker,  
January 2, 1955, pp. 2, 13

## 2. Daniels Resolution

"For one thing, the Senate without a dissenting vote adopted the Daniels resolution slandering the Communist Party and pledging that it would 'diligently and vigorously' pursue the witchhunts associated with McCarthy's name."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 17, 1955, p. 5

\*National Planning Association

\*\* Fair Employment Practice Committee



3. Labor Needs to Fight Against the Eisenhower Program and Bi-Partisan Harmony

"Labor needs to fight for its own program and compel the labor-backed Democrats to wage that fight too. Labor needs to fight against the ENTIRE Eisenhower program as well as against the Knowlands and McCarthys. This is the way to victories in the 84th Congress and in November of 1956."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 10, 1955, p. 5

"Labor needs to fight for its program and to press the labor-backed Democrats to shun the trap of bi-partisan 'harmony.' This is how labor can score immediate gains in the 84th Congress and set the stage for a major victory in 1956."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 7, 1955, pp. 1, 3

4. All "Thought-Control" Legislation Should Be Reviewed

"In 1954, Congress when it enacted the notorious Humphrey-Butler 'Communist Control' law, voted down a provision which would have made Communist Party membership a crime.

"Now the Department of Justice is trying Lightfoot under the very section of the Smith Act which Congress itself nullified, and plans similar trials against Dr. Albert Blumberg, Mrs. Martha Stone Asher and Junius T. Scales."

"The President should be called on to drop these un-American prosecutions. The demand of the CIO Convention for a review of all

thought-control legislation should be pressed upon the new Congress in order to 'eliminate all limitations upon speech and thought.'"

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 6, 1955, p. 5

## 5. Tax Cuts

"THE PEOPLE will get a new opportunity this week to win a personal income tax reduction, but it will not be easy despite the announcement that the House Democratic leadership will introduce such a bill. This bill, which is reported to have the support of House Speaker Sam Rayburn, is set to be offered Thursday as an amendment to the President's tax proposal. It calls for a \$20 tax reduction for each person and each dependent on the 1956 payments.

"Labor has fought for such a measure for a long time, but the politicians have repeatedly walked out on their promises. The Republican-controlled 83rd Congress, instead of coming through on tax cuts for the people, jammed through the Administration's Rich Man's tax bill, which handed over new billions to the corporations."

"...The pressure should be stepped up immediately on every Congressman to fight for the tax reduction. The people of the country can win it."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 21, 1955, p. 5

"Washington should be deluged with demands for passage of the \$20 cut voted in the House. It is time for Mr. and Mrs. America to display an angry and vigorous tone. The legislators who have just voted themselves a healthy salary raise do not pay much attention to soft pleas these days."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
March 8, 1955, p. 5

#### 6. The Lightfoot Trial Represents a Step toward Fascism

"Armed with the Supreme Court ruling on the conspiracy charges, the government now proceeds to further emasculate the Bill of Rights. The indictment in the Lightfoot case represents an invasion of the First Amendment which is unprecedented in American history.

"If this indictment is sustained by the courts, America will have taken a gigantic leap in the direction of a fascist state."

Daily Worker,  
January 3, 1955, p. 5

"The Lightfoot trial is also planned as a precedent for railroading back to prison for a second term Irving Potash and the other Communist Party leaders imprisoned in the first Foley Square trial.

"The President should be called on to drop these un-American prosecutions. The demand of the CIO Convention for a review of all thought-control legislation should be pressed upon the new Congress in order to 'eliminate all limitations upon speech and thought.'"

Editorial, The Worker,  
January 9, 1955, p. 4

#### 7. The Real Smith Act Defendants Are Books

"... The Attorney General's office, staffed with ambitious and cynical bright young men all heading toward some judgeship plum, unable to find a single shred of evidence against progressive Americans they are prosecuting, have conjured up the charge of conspiracy to advocate, a fancy legalistic euphemism for teaching. The real defendants in each and every one of the Smith Act trials, including of course the one which sentenced Alexander Trachtenberg, have been books mostly published in the United States by International Publishers."

Angus Cameron, "The Freedom to Publish,"  
Masses & Mainstream, January, 1955, p. 46

8. The Smith Act Prosecutions Are All a Foul Mess and Are Corrupt

"The Supreme Court's callous action, the jailing of the Flynn defendants and the conviction of Claude Lightfoot are not blows at the Communists alone. They are in fact directed against the entire labor and liberal movement, against all those who dissent from Wall Street's 'inevitable war' policies. They are directed against those who seek co-existence rather than atomic devastation; the Bill of Rights rather than McCarthyism; free trade unionism rather than industrial slavery.

"Americans of all political views--and in the first place trade unionists--should unite in the fight to free Elizabeth Flynn, Pettis Perry and their co-workers; to keep Eugene Dennis, Ben Davis and their colleagues free; to end all Smith Act arrests and prosecutions."

By National Committee, CPUSA,  
"The New Jailings of Communist  
Leaders," Political Affairs, February,  
1955, pp. 1, 2

"When thoughts, opinions and books--as contrasted with deeds--are permitted to be the measure of a crime, then the dragnet inevitably becomes so vague and wide that it threatens almost every one. Not only should the Lattimore indictment be thrown out. The Smith Act itself and the Smith Act indictments and convictions should be thrown out too."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 20, 1955, p. 5

"THEN THERE is the Department of Justice itself, the central organizing force of all the lying frame-ups under the Smith Act and other thought-control laws...."

"...The Matusow admission of perjury should be made the opening wedge for a thorough-going exposure of this whole rotten frame-up system now besmirching the Federal courts and railroading innocent people to jail."

Daily Worker,  
February 1, 1955, p. 3

"...The trial of the 11 national committee leaders, and those that have followed it, was a foul mess of government perjurer witnesses, corrupt prosecutors willing to swim in the filthiest gutters in order to get convictions, of reactionary judges who spit upon the most elementary questions of law and justice, and of juries so intimidated by the prevailing war and fascist-like hysteria that they would hardly dare to bring in an acquittal verdict no matter how decisive the evidence showing the innocence of those on trial."

"Never in the whole history of the United States has there been a more flagrant violation of the Bill of Rights than the second indictments faced by the prison victims of the Smith Act. And all this persecution is supplemented by the provisions of the McCarran Act, which threatens a long time in jail for all Communists who refuse to register themselves with the Government as 'subversive'--another flagrant violation of the U. S. Constitution."

Daily Worker,  
March 8, 1955, p. 3

"THE SUBVERSIVE Activities Control Board claims that in its ruling that the Labor Youth League\*register as a 'Communist-front,' it 'disregarded' the now repudiated testimony of Harvey Matusow."

\*The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The LYL is here to stay--McCarran Board or no McCarran Board. The ruling against the Labor Youth League will be fought in the courts as the original ruling against the Communist Party itself is now being fought. The McCarran Registration Act needs to be repealed, as the CIO conviction indicated needs to be done with all thought-control legislation. Meanwhile, the cry should go up against the Brownell informer system upon which the LYL ruling was based, and for an investigation of that system by the Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by Sen. Harley Kilgore."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 17, 1955, p. 5

"Lightfoot, at his trial, was given the 'Matusow' treatment at the hands of a crew of lying informers. His appeal to a higher court should receive full support, as should the fight for a new trial by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and her colleagues. At the same time, the Justice Department should be called on not to arrest and imprison all over again on March 1 a group of political leaders who have just served almost four years behind the bars."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 16, 1955, p. 5

"AN IMPORTANT victory for democratic rights has been scored with the dismissal of the seven Smith Act indictments in Connecticut because the grand jury had been illegally selected."

"An improved grand jury system cannot offset, however, the illegality of the Smith Act itself and of the informer system. The seven Connecticut Communists should not be reindicted, the Lightfoot and other prosecutions for membership should be thrown out, and the National Committee members should not be imprisoned again when they finish their present terms next Tuesday."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 25, 1955, p. 5

"WELCOME HOME, we say to Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, to our editor John Gates, our former publisher, Ben Davis, and those courageous workingclass Communist leaders, Jack Stachel, John Williamson and Carl Winter.

"But our greetings are sobered by the knowledge that as these men emerge from federal prison, having served their terms under the Smith Act, they face re-arrest and prosecution under another clause of that thought-control law."

"So long as the Justice Department can flout the Constitution with respect to these men, no American worker, trade unionist, Negro, or progressive, is safe. Let us greet them, then, by striking blows against McCarthyism and for democracy.

1. Protest the new prosecutions of the Communist leaders.
2. Support the move for a new trial for Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and the 12 other Communist leaders in New York, and for Claude Lightfoot's appeal in Chicago.
3. End all political prosecutions under the Smith Act and repeal the Smith and McCarran acts."

The Worker,  
February 27, 1955, p. 7

"IN ITS FRANTIC efforts to block a new trial for Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and her 12 codefendants, the Justice Department convicts itself of operating a monstrous frame-up system against Communists, and of flagrantly violating the basic laws of the land...."

"... But the people are not powerless. They can let the press, the pulpit, and their elected representatives know their conviction that this continuing evil of the informer and frameup system is a cancerous growth within our country which must be promptly and forever ended lest freedom itself perish as its victim."

Editorial, The Worker,  
April 3, 1955, p. 4

## VII. ARMED FORCES

1. The Archaic Court-Martial System Should Be Overhauled.
2. Arms Races Will Not Prevent War.
3. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Has Been Disarming since World War II.
4. Private First Class Charles E. Marshall Case.
5. Navy Veteran Earnest E. Jones Case.
6. Mass Destruction Weapons.

### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

#### 1. The Archaic Court-Martial System Should Be Overhauled

"The Dennis-Burns case cries out for a complete overhauling of the archaic courts-martial system in this country, with its vicious sentences, its officer-bias, its caste domination, its race prejudice, and its nearly complete independence from civil control. It teaches that in the United States, in civil and military courts, no Negro person should ever be condemned to die under any circumstances where Negroes are not involved in the judging and in the sentencing...."

Herbert Aptheker, "TWO HANGINGS ON GUAM," Masses & Mainstream, February, 1955, p. 20



## 2. Arms Races Will Not Prevent War

"It's claimed that an H-bomb race is the best deterrent to a war. If an arms race prevents a war this time, it will be for the first time in history. If it fails, it will be for the last time."

Daily Worker,  
March 9, 1955, p. 3

## 3. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Has Been Disarming Since World War II.

"... The Moscow Radio said tonight that Soviet armed strength is 'less than half of the numerical armed strength of the NATO countries.'

"The broadcast, monitored in London, charged that western claims of Soviet superiority in armed forces constituted 'silly talk intended for simpletons.' It said the strength of Soviet armed forces is less than half that of the combined North Atlantic Treaty states as the result of Soviet disarmament moves since the end of World War II.'

"The broadcast said two roads were open to Britain and other western states: the 'dangerous' road of a continued arms race, or 'the road of peaceful co-existence.'"

Daily Worker,  
April 1, 1955, p. 2

## 4. Private First Class Charles E. Marshall Case

"A 23 year old athlete under contract to the St. Louis Cardinals refused yesterday to accept a less than honorable discharge from the Army because of his refusal to sign the Army's witchhunt 'loyaltyyy oath.'

"Pfc Charles E. Marshall of Los Angeles was handed the 'general' discharge at Fort Ord after two years of honorable service, and refused to accept it, demanding an honorable discharge...."

"... Last month the Army showed him a statement warning that he might be discharged as 'undesirable' but he was told he might not take notes on the document or tell his attorney of its contents, under penalty of court martial.

"Following the letter of Feb. 1 from Secretary of the Army Stevens to the Wisconsin fuerher Joe McCarthy about the impending discharge of Dr. Melvin Barsky, who also refused to sign the oath and served as a private, the Sixth Army sent out a memorandum providing for 'general' discharges 'under honorable conditions' in such cases. Marshall demands a straight honorable discharge."

Daily Worker,  
March 29, 1955, p. 3

5. Navy Veteran Earnest E. Jones Case

"Earnest E. Jones, 23-year-old U. S. Navy veteran who is engaged to marry a Japanese woman has been informed officially he cannot bring his bride-to-be to his native state of Georgia, it was learned today."

"Jones said he recently wrote to Attorney General Eugene Cook in Atlanta..."

"Last week, he said, he received an answer stating that under Georgia law it was illegal for a white person to marry a person of another race...."

"Jones said he was 'particularly bitter' over the fact that the Georgia attorney general's office made his case public.

"'This was strictly a personal matter,' he said. 'If you can't trust a public official to respect a personal inquiry, there's something wrong.'"

Daily Worker,  
April 1, 1955, p. 3

#### 6. Mass Destruction Weapons

"I am saying this: the prospect of exploding the bombs in a possible war is horrible enough, but is it not possible that mankind's fate may be determined before that? In other words, we are in dreadful danger today, now, for generations may be annihilated before they are born by the simple fact that mankind's capacity to reproduce may be fatally impaired. Or, even worse, we may be spawning a world of creatures that will have no resemblance to homo sapiens?

"I think Americans cannot ignore the fears of so much of the world: the British labor movement that wants all further explosions banned until we learn the results of radio-activity upon future generations; the Soviets that have proposed in the UN that all A-bombs and H-bombs be destroyed, and under international control and supervision.

"We can ignore them only at the risk of annihilation, or at best (some best!) a world of monsters that once were men."

The Worker,  
April 3, 1955, p. 14

"THE U. S. SENATE could expend some of its 'investigation mania' in the true interest of the American people by probing the extent to which 'experimentation' in mass destruction weapons is already under way in West Germany.

"Certainly, the Senators owe this to the people before they give consent to the London-Paris protocol providing for the inclusion of a rearmed German state into NATO\*"

Daily Worker,  
January 13, 1955, p. 5

"Every atomic scientist in the world agrees that the only protection against the horror bombs is not to use them. Future generations will forever call down curses on any who dare take responsibility for launching the greatest crime in human history--atomic warfare.

"Instead of promoting a Horror-bomb race, why don't Churchill and Eisenhower say something about a proposal before their representatives in London at this very moment? It is a proposal to destroy every single A-bomb and H-bomb in the world. The proposal was put forward by the Soviet government...."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
March 3, 1955, p. 5

\*North Atlantic Treaty Organization

## VIII. MINORITY (NATIONAL AND RACIAL) GROUPS

1. Television Is a Jim Crow Industry.
2. Neither the New Congress nor President Eisenhower Is Considering Civil Rights.
3. The United States Must Stop Honoring Racism.
4. Civil Rights and Minority Groups.

### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

#### 1. Television Is a Jim Crow Industry

"IT IS TIME for the networks, the TV industry generally, the sponsors and the advertising agencies, to wake up to the fact that a few token appearances of Negroes and other blacklisted people fool no one: from Alabama to New York to India the TV industry is known as a jim-crow industry--a blacklisting agency."

The Worker,  
January 9, 1955, p. 7.

#### 2. Neither the New Congress nor President Eisenhower Is Considering Civil Rights

"WE WERE among the millions who last week were outraged and disappointed that the week which saw the new Congress convene did not see any quickening in this nation's snail-like progress toward equal rights for the Negro people. President Eisenhower's state of the nation message did not ask for an FEPC or any civil rights laws."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 10, 1955, p. 5

### 3. The United States Must Stop Honoring Racism

"U. S. authorities were embarrassed by the protests against the Midway's 'good will' visit to South Africa, but agreed to honor the country's racist laws."

"The disgusting affair of South Africa and the colored U. S. Navy men points up the need to speed up the fight against jimcrow everywhere in the United States. And most urgently, it demands that the U. S. government stop honoring racism in any form both at home and abroad."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
January 20, 1955, p. 5

### 4. Civil Rights and Minority Groups

"The civil rights of Negroes, including those who have the misfortune to be sent to jimcrow federal prisons, is the acid test of the rights of all Americans. Every attack against the Negro people in the long run reacts against the white workers and against progressives generally. The fitting answer to them is a united front of all the haters of jimcrow and lovers of liberty in this country."

Daily Worker,  
January 25, 1955, p. 5

"What is most needed now--in every county, region, section, and club--is careful planning of concrete struggles for jobs for Negro workers, for non-discrimination in housing, for desegregation in the schools, for an end to police brutality, for new advances in Negro representation in public office...."

Party Voice,  
February, 1955 - No. 2, p. 14

"There has been a beginning in public school integration, but only a beginning. For there are still all-Negro schools and all-white schools, and Dr. Margaret Just Butcher, in criticizing this has characterized it as 'two percent integration.' \_

"But millenium or no, and disregarding motives, the developments of the past year in Washington totally disproves what the racists contend: that jimcrow is needed to keep the peace between whites and Negroes. State laws enforcing the separation of races, do just what Thomas Jefferson said slavery did--degrades one, debases the other.

"Washington, then, stands as an accusation against the Administration's snail's pace, in attacking the question of national jimcrow practices. Washington proves the people are ahead of government and that the time to attack the diehards is now."

The Worker,  
February 20, 1955, p. 7

"In a whole number of industries--notably transport, garment, distribution, maritime and electrical--the key question is that of training and upgrading Negro and Puerto Rican workers. Concrete programs of struggle to this end should be developed.

"Special attention should be given to current efforts to squeeze Negro and Puerto Rican workers out of longshore and maritime. United action by all sectors of the union membership is necessary to defend the workers in these industries from the triple attacks of bosses, government and opportunist union leaders; and this cannot be achieved without special struggles to protect the jobs of the large number of Negro and Puerto Rican workers involved."

"The main channel through which such struggles for jobs for Negroes can best be conducted is the machinery of the trade unions--especially the network of shop committees and the regular programs of the unions...."

"Special effort should be made to develop conscious collaboration between the unions and Negro people's organizations in the fight for jobs for Negro workers...."

Party Voice,  
February, 1955, --No. 2, pp. 6, 7

"Finally, there is a solid body of opinion which holds that the U. S. Supreme Court decision for desegregation was motivated, in part, by cold war strategy. It was noted that the State Department's propaganda arms worked overtime in dispensing the news of this decision to the four corners of the earth. The propaganda, many Negroes also noted, sought to represent the ruling as a gift from the benevolent rulers of America, conspicuously omitted any reference to the Negro people's 87-year battle--a battle costing innumerable sacrifices to the lynch mob and the legal lynchers and a frightful toll in untaught minds and blighted lives--for adherence to the letter and spirit of the American Constitution."

John Pittman, "NEGRO AMERICANS AND  
FOREIGN POLICY," Masses & Mainstream,  
February, 1955, p. 31



## IX. EDUCATION

1. Mass Struggles Can Improve Education.
2. School Conditions Are Desperate.
3. Closing the Jefferson School Licenses the Right to Disseminate Ideas.
4. The Administration's Plan for School Construction Is Inadequate.

### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

#### 1. Mass Struggles Can Improve Education

"The fight for adequate and democratic public schools--especially to end the flagrant racial discrimination in the schools of our State and throughout the country--is of major concern to the working class. Truly mass struggles along this line can improve the education of our children, and at the same time help consolidate the alliance of labor with the Negro and Puerto Rican peoples."

Party Voice,  
February, 1955, --No. 2, p. 9

#### 2. School Conditions Are Desperate

"The picture, then, that emerges of the New York City school structure--and we're speaking here only of the physical structure--is that of an absolute shortage which cannot accommodate all the pupils eligible for it, terribly overcrowded with those it does accommodate, and with a large proportion of buildings long over-age and in condition of dilapidation."

"New York City's plight is part of the national picture. Throughout the nation, there are innumerable areas where kids are attending classes in abandoned stores, homes, barns or whatever other emergency structure can be arranged."

"While the battle for a federal school program has to be developed--right now there is no such program--the situation in New York cannot, and need not, wait on this. And in fact, it is not waiting. The sheer pressure of desperate school conditions has resulted in widespread local activity by parents' groups throughout the city for new schools, repair of old schools and currently around the issue of the age requirement. All sorts of local and city movements, taking various forms and with varying demands, have sprung up these past few months as a result of raising the entrance age."

Daily Worker,  
January 3, 1955, p. 4

### 3. Closing the Jefferson School Licenses the Right to Disseminate Ideas

"By engineering this move to close down the Jefferson School, \* Attorney General Brownell is trying to put a padlock on the minds of the American people. Borrowing from the book of Goebbels and Tojo, he is seeking to license the right to disseminate ideas--that is, the right to think."

"In the period ahead, the need for the Jefferson School and the rich body of working class science and culture that constitute its course of study is more pressing than ever. I can think of no better advice for the workers of the metropolitan area--particularly the young workers than to study at the Jefferson School."

Daily Worker,  
January 7, 1955, p. 2

\*The Jefferson School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

#### 4. The Administration's Plan for School Construction Is Inadequate

"PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S message on school construction is in line with the rest of the administration's program of providing for social needs with an eye-dropper while giving away to the rich by the truckload."

"Basically, the President's plan is not for substantial grants to states to build the much needed schools, but an offer to purchase bonds, at an interest, if no private purchasers are willing to take the local bonds. The states would owe to the federal government. As on health, we are offered some more 'insurance' of programs instead of real and immediate help."

"Regardless, however, of what form federal school construction aid takes, none of it should go to states that defy and evade the Supreme Court's ban on school segregation. That is the proposal of the AFL. This proposal is all the more in place in view of the ruling by the State Supreme Court of Delaware, holding that the transfer of 10 Negro students to an all-white school as a violation of the state's law. Thus Delaware, like several of the southern states, is openly defying the law of the land--seceding from it."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
February 10, 1955, p. 5

## X. CULTURE, SCIENCE AND RELIGION

1. The Anti-Communist Crusade Is Aimed at the Soul of the American People.
2. Intellectuals Are Fighting the Threat of Fascism.
3. The Orwell Image Is Destructive of Creative Art.
4. The Intellectuals of This Country Must Ally Themselves with the New Social Forces of Europe and Asia.
5. Socialism Can Be the Basis for the Flowering of Humanity.
6. Criticism and Self-Criticism Are a New Law of Socialism.
7. Sending the Berlin Orchestra to the United States Is a Political Maneuver.
8. Freudian Formulas Are Manufactured in Advance.
9. The "Hero Brute" in Books, Movies, and Television Must Be Replaced.
10. Movies Help Create the Necessary Ideological Atmosphere for the Ruling Class.

### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

1. The Anti-Communist Crusade Is Aimed at the Soul of the American People

"... Perhaps it is time for thoughtful people to realize that to the world at large the anti-Communist crusade in the United States is just as detestable as the anti-Communist crusade in West Germany. Perhaps it is time to realize that hysterical witch-hunting and war mongering is aimed at the soul of the American people just as surely as it was aimed, and continues to be aimed, at the German people."

Samuel Sillen, "NAZI BEST-SELLER,"  
Masses & Mainstream, January, 1955, p. 35

## 2. Intellectuals Are Fighting the Threat of Fascism

"The world of art and culture is not 'attacked as super-structural' by Marxism; it is described as superstructural; that is, as arising from while influencing, the material basis of the social order. Far from sneering at the world of creativity and imagination, Marxism holds, in Lenin's words: 'You can become a Communist only by enriching your mind with the knowledge of all the treasures created by mankind.' This is not unrelated to the fact that in the past half century many of the most talented treasure-builders have been Communists, from Barbusse to Dreiser, Gorky to Neruda, Nexo to Eluard."

"Certainly, the realities of American life today are leading many intellectuals to re-examine their ideas and assumptions, and, in many cases, to dedicate themselves to fighting the threat of fascism. It is only in this common struggle that the 'aimlessness' and the 'malice' which Riesman laments can be overcome. It is in this way that there will be recreated the finest qualities of 'our best and most creative spirits.'"

Herbert Aptheker, "The Cadillac Credo of David Riesman," Masses & Mainstream, January, 1955, pp. 8, 14

## 3. The Orwell Image Is Destructive of Creative Art

"...The Orwell literary image is only the reflection of the political line which is forcing America to restore and ally itself with the Nazis, the men of the gas chambers.

"But these Orwellian images, the product of the military necessities of the Cold War and of the generals planning to consume civilization in atomic heat, are not only immoral and destructive of creative art; they are also false to the actual historic development now

taking place. The convulsive approach to an atomic Gotterdammerung, while always a peril so long as the stockpiles are not abolished by humanity, collides with a world-wide peace-seeking humanism which refuses to surrender the planet to the destroyers."

Milton Howard, "ORWELL or O'CASEY?,"  
Masses & Mainstream, January, 1955, p. 26

4. The Intellectuals of This Country Must Ally Themselves with the  
New Social Forces of Europe and Asia

"History is not a conspiracy, the American intellectual has got to learn once again. Lattimore did not 'lose China,' Hiss did not 'lose East Europe at Yalta,' and the Rosenbergs did not cause the Korean War by 'stealing the atomic secret.' It remains for the American intellectual to turn with candor and resolution to tackling the new facts which face the nation in a spirit of historic objectivity. To refuse to drown the Asian Revolution in atomic massacre is not 'appeasement'; it is both prudence and in line with our democratic humanism.

"To refuse to accept the 'end' of destroying Socialism through the means of Nazi fascism-Franco militarism is not 'stupid liberalism' or 'the Kremlin line.' It is the only path back to national sanity and moral health." (The preceding two paragraphs are in italics--Ed.)

"The intellectuals cannot be the decisive force for these changes demanded by the national development. But they can raise again the banners which were once raised with such nobility by Jefferson and Paine, by Emerson, Douglass, Whitman and Lincoln, and according to his own lights by Franklin Roosevelt. For if the intellectuals of a nation, of this nation, fail to ally themselves with the living and growing currents of the age--in this case, peace with the new social forces of Europe and Asia--then they will cease to exist as intellectuals. They may even cease to exist, along with the rest of us, at all."

Milton Howard, "New Realities for the  
Intellectuals," Masses & Mainstream,  
February, 1955, pp. 41, 42.

## 5. Socialism Can Be the Basis for the Flowering of Humanity

"...Today, modern science and technology offer mankind, a longer and healthier life than ever before. They offer him an abundance for all that makes any struggle over wealth obsolete. Yet to achieve these new potentialities for humanity, we must go back to the cooperative way of our Indian forerunners on the continent. They cooperated because they could not survive without doing so.

"Today cooperation--socialism is its modern form--can be the basis for the flowering of humanity."

The Worker,  
January 30, 1955, p. 10

## 6. Criticism and Self-Criticism Are a New Law of Socialism

"The Malenkov resignation is no doubt a new kind of development in world politics. Here we have the top leader of the government getting up before the people who picked him, the Supreme Soviet, and telling them a year later that he finds that he lacks the experience to do the job...."

"Such a statement can only be made by a leader in a different kind of society from ours, and this may explain why our commentators grapple so clumsily and uncomprehendingly with the events. They can't get it. And if they did, they might try even harder to keep the truth from us.

"For what we have here operating before our eyes is the principle that 'criticism and self-criticism are a new law of Socialist society and Socialist development.'

"THERE ARE, of course, contradictions, antagonisms and constant alterations in Socialist society...."

"To solve these problems of social growth, this new society strives to establish the principle of criticism and self-criticism, and the principle of objectivity in the field of government and leadership, the principle of the welfare of all is greater than the 'personality' of any one individual."

Daily Worker,  
February 10, 1955, p. 2

7. Sending the Berlin Orchestra to the United States Is a Political Maneuver

"The coming of a European orchestra to the U. S. is not the issue. We want the widest cultural interchange among nations, so that the contributions of each country including the countries of socialism to the world's common heritage can be appreciated by all. But the move to send the Berlin Philharmonic here is a political maneuver connected with the revival of the Nazi war machine. Is it being done so that we will not hear the cries of fear among the people in West Germany while the Berlin Orchestra fills our ears with great music as they did when they were drowning out the cries of the machine, gas chamber victims?"

Daily Worker,  
February 10, 1955, p. 7

8. Freudian Formulas Are Manufactured in Advance

"IN THE EARLY 1930's a young American physician decided to get a first-hand experience of work with the world-famous founder of what we know today as psychoanalysis...."



"FREUDIANS HAVE been angered and shocked that Doctor Wortis violated the secrecy pact on which analysts depend. But Wortis' record contains nothing that should not and cannot be made public, even by a physician. For what his record shows is that the 'secrets' the Freudians are looking for in their rituals are not relevant to the real problems of real people tackling in action the real issues of the world. The Freudian formulas are manufactured in advance, are based on no evidence, are contrary to a materialist outlook on nature and the world and have built-in 'solutions.' . . ."

Daily Worker,  
February 28, 1955, p. 7

9. The "Hero Brute" in Books, Movies, and Television Must Be Replaced

"By all means halt the corrupting influence of books, TV and movies that teach youngsters that violence is heroic and murder a red-hot thrill. Replace the 'hero brute' by the hero who serves humanity."

Daily Worker,  
March 23, 1955, p. 7

10. Movies Help Create the Necessary Ideological Atmosphere for the Ruling Class

"In 'Six Bridges to Cross' the policeman tells an investigating committee that it is necessary and natural for the law enforcing bodies to have informers all around them. How else, explains the cop, can we get our leads to prevent crime? Instead of depicting the type of society in which crime could not flourish, the movie offers this solution: More informers. These films, glorifying the stoolpigeon, clearly illustrate how the movie medium helps to create the ideological atmosphere necessary to the ruling class whenever the need arises. It is not a coincidence that these films come out at a time when our country is infested with the paid informer. Some justification has to be established for those men and women without conscience, who, with their lies help to send innocent victims to prison. Yes, we have come a long way since John Ford's The Informer."

Daily Worker,  
March 8, 1955, p. 7

## XI. WOMEN

1. Women Are Oppressed under Capitalism.
2. Mrs. Bass Urges Women to Support Move to Free Claudia Jones.

### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

#### 1. Women Are Oppressed Under Capitalism

"On July 19 and 20, 1848, the first Woman's Rights Convention in the United States was held in Seneca Falls, N. Y. It adopted a Declaration of Sentiments, closely patterned after the Declaration of Independence, setting forth the aims of the woman's right movement. ....

"One criticism can and should be made of the Declaration: It finds in man, rather than in the social system of capitalism and other class societies, the source of the oppression of women."

The Worker,  
March 6, 1955, p. 7

#### 2. Mrs. Bass\* Urges Women to Support Move to Free Claudia Jones\*\*

"Mrs. Charlotta A. Bass, prominent Negro woman editor called upon all women interested in safeguarding the Bill of Rights and the Constitution to join a delegation to Attorney General Herbert Brownell on behalf of Miss Claudia Jones.

"Claudia Jones, now imprisoned at the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, W. Va., because of her political views, has a serious heart condition. Her many friends throughout the country are asking that her sentence be suspended in order to save her life.

"A flood of wires and letters should be addressed to the Attorney General asking that this valiant Negro woman be set free," said Mrs. Bass."

The Worker,  
April 3, 1955, p. 13

\*Charlotta A. Bass was the Progressive Party candidate for Vice President in 1952.

\*\*Claudia Jones was imprisoned, following her conviction under the Smith Act in 1953.

## XII. YOUTH

1. Socialism Offers Security to Youth.
2. Youth Favors Peace.
3. Our Youth Has Been Plunged into a Fog of Fears.
4. The Labor Youth League Is Bound to Grow.
5. "McCarthyism" Is Restricting Youth.

### SUPPORTING QUOTATIONS

#### 1. Socialism Offers Security to Youth

"A visit to the Stanley Theatre this week offers a heart-warming intimate insight into the life of young people in the land of Socialism...."

. . . . .

"Teen-age problems are universal, but the specific form they take depends on the nature of the society in which they arise. In the latest issue of the Sunday Times here, for example, one headline, in a report of the rabbi's sermon reads, 'Plight of Youth Laid to Despair.' The rabbi goes on to say, 'Today's youth face the future without any definite assurance of global survival. Many a youngster has readily succumbed to frustration, despair, and nihilism in seeking security for tomorrow.'

"The rabbi's solution is to offer security to youth in the form of religion.

"Perhaps he ought to see this Soviet film, and get a graphic glimpse of the security offered by socialism to youth in the form of peaceful, constructive work."

Daily Worker,  
January 24, 1955, p. 7

## 2. Youth Favors Peace

"But many still do not know that it took a long and hard fight by the youth of America to break open at least this much of a crack in the State Department's iron curtain. It might come as a revelation that there is a bigger youth movement in this country than is generally realized. And this youth movement is articulate--it favors peaceful solutions for world problems."

Daily Worker,  
March 25, 1955, p. 5

## 3. Our Youth Has Been Plunged into a Fog of Fears

"But even greater is the crime of those who control our society and who have plunged our youth into the noxious fog of fears, for their job, for their life, for their integrity in this society where the stoopigeon is a federal officeholder in the Brownell department."

The Worker,  
March 27, 1955, p. 11

## 4. The Labor Youth League Is Bound to Grow

"Instead of being scared into silence, as the warmakers hoped, the LYL is becoming an inseparable part of the New York youth community, making its voice heard on all questions which deeply concern youth--juvenile

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delinquency, police brutality, the great issue of war or peace, UMT,\* unemployment, education and discrimination. It is bound to grow stronger because it speaks for the real aspirations of the overwhelming majority of young people of our land, aspirations which can be beclouded by hysteria, lies and redbaiting, but can never be killed."

Editorial, Daily Worker,  
March 4, 1955, p. 5

5. "McCarthyism" Is Restricting Youth

"Military life is interfering with such normal pursuits as school and marriage. Unemployment has struck hardest at youth, the most inexperienced and unskilled. Equality for Negro youths and juvenile delinquency are emerging as No. 1 social issues. McCarthyism is restricting youths right to learn, think and speak."

The Worker,  
January 16, 1955, p. 10

\*Universal Military Training.

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